

# Minutes from the Barnum Woods PTA Meeting

## March 8, 2011

Sara Diamond called the meeting to order at 708 p.m.

Minutes from the February PTA meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report (Sheryl Hendler)**

- Opening balance of \$22,330.84.
- Credit of \$21,844.00
- Debit of \$ 3,603.51
- Closing balance of: \$21,571.33
- Report audited and found in order by Linda Anguiera

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report (Stephanie Inger)**

- Thank you card received from Mr. Bottari & Mrs. O'Brien for the games provided to the classrooms by the P.T.A.
- Thank you cards sent out to all who helped with the book fair story time.
- Thank you card sent to Tom McKeivitt for speaking to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Thank you cards sent to all who helped out with PTA food fundraiser.
- Congratulations card sent to Peter Cipriano on being elected East Meadow chamber of commerce president.

### **Teacher Delegate's Report (Mrs. Waters)**

- Thank you to Janet Thebner for her efforts in the recycled school supplies program. The remaining donated supplies from last year were donated to schools in Freeport.
- The teachers would like to thank the PTA for the donated board games.
- Assessments will be going on soon. Please make sure the children get a good night's rest as well as eat a good breakfast.

### **Principal's Report & Assistant Principal's Report (Mrs. O'Brien)**

- Show of Love assembly was incredible.
- Character Education program will be reinforcing respect for property & of peers.
- Band teacher Alec Schaefer was recommended for tenure
- Health fair schedule is complete & we have a full agenda of presenters.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Arts in Education (Laura Schneebaum)**

- Show of Love was great and enjoyed by all grades
- On 4/28, " Write Now," a creative writing program will be held for grades k-2.

#### **Curriculum and Access (Mary Carter) read by Laura**

No meeting last month. Next meeting will be held on 3/22.

#### **Dial Screening (Sue Bogen) (read by Laura)**

- Screening dates are 4/4, 4/5, 4/6 & 4/7. Volunteers are still needed.

#### **Chocolate Bar Sale (Janice Howell)**

- Sale will take place 3/28-4/29. Letter will go home next week.

#### **Amblyopia (Liz Kong) (Read by Laura)**

- Screening 4/11, 4/12, 4/13. Volunteers needed.

#### **Lip Sync (Krissy Duhs & Jaime McQuillan)**

- Lip Sync is this Friday 3/11. Dress rehearsal went well. No more tickets are available, standing room only )

#### **Membership (Shari Glassman)**

- 495 which is 6 more than last month. If you are interested in joining please do so before 3/21.

#### **Transportation & Safety (Jennifer Cipriano)**

- Overhang near 1st grade entrance has been approved for repair
- Bus driver complement forms are available online at East Meadow District website.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade T-shirts (Emilia Doddato)**

- T-shirts are done and have been handed out..

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook (Linda Anguiera)**

- .Still waiting for a few pictures and forms to come in.
- Club pictures will be done next week.

### **Family Fun Night (Wendy Shea)**

- Sports bingo will be held on May 6th.

### **Reflections (Ana Colón)**

• Awards handed out to children who participated in this year's Reflections at beginning of the meeting.

### **5th Grade BBQ (Michele Bennett & Lori Polansky)**

Contracts have all been signed & meeting planned with all volunteers for 3/28 @ 7pm in APR..

### **Sportswear (Donna Nogid)**

- Chairs are working on putting together the spring sale.

#### **PR (Catherine Clark)**

- PR video was presented at PTA conference.
- Articles have been written about East Meadow School district for publication.

### **Parent Delegate (Brian Adelman) read by Laura**

- Board of Ed meeting was 2/17.
- Budget & Finance Report timeline was presented.
- Mr. D' Angelo will present budget at Barnum Woods PTA meeting 4/12.
- Budget vote will be on 5/17.
- Facilities report, carpentry repairs were completed in classrooms.
- Parents should be aware that in inclement weather buses may be delayed.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Barnum are participating in pilot program using TI-Nspire.
- Next Board of Ed meeting will take place on 3/31.

### **Special Committees Fundraising Report (Jenn Ciprano)**

• Potential new fundraisers for next year were presented. Suggestions were brick fundraiser, auction, basic raffle, script cards & restaurant rewards.

### **Special Committees Procedure Book Report (Sara Diamond)**

- Book is currently being worked on.

### **New Business (Sara Diamond)**

- Prepackaged school supplies presented as fundraiser for this year.
- Motion made by Wendy O'Shea & seconded by Chris Horowitz
- Motion was approved by membership to add school supply as fundraiser for this year.
- Motion made to increase 5<sup>th</sup> grade BBQ funds by \$400.00
- Motion made by Michele Bennett & seconded by Lori Polansky.
- Motion approved by membership to increase funds for this years 5th grade BBQ.
- Motion made to change our photographer to Irwin Simon studios.
- Motion made by Jenn Cipriano & seconded by Antoinette Ignatow.
- Motion was approved by membership to change photographer to Irwin Simon studios for school photos.
- Motion made by Emilia Doddato to approve the framing of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirt as a new tradition for this year.
- Motion was seconded by Stephanie Inger.
- Motion was approved by membership to frame and hang 5<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirt.

### **Announcements (Robin Fitzpatrick)**

- Modell's coupons were sent home with each student last week.
- NYS PTA is hosting its annual Legislation Brunch 3/26 at Hofstra University.
- New York State PTA is asking for assistance with a campaign against the Governor's proposed financial plan."
- Guest speaker Stephen Shore an author and Adelphi University professor, who also has Asperger's Syndrome will be at EMHS on 4/6 at 7.00 pm

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Dates to Remember Handed Out At Last Meeting.